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SUBJ: EMBASSY PROTECTION

- 1. SUMMARY. I HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY GSDR THAT AT HIGHEST LEVELSTHEY ARE AWARE OF SITUATION WE ARE FACING HERE AND ARE ANXIOUS TO COOPERATE FULLY. END SUMMARY.
- 2. IN ABSENCE FONSEC, DG FOREIGN MINISTRY ABDURAHMAN, CALLED ME IN APRIL 9 FOR "PERSONAL CHAT" RE SECURITY PROBLEM.
 ABDURAHMAN SAID PRESIDENT SIAD WAS FULLY INFORMED AND WOULD WANT TO SEE ME ABOUT MATTER WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. ABDURAHMAN SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH COL. JAMA OF POLICE (WITH WHOM WE ARE IN CONSTANT LIAISON) AND ASKED FOR MY OWN ASSESSMENT.
- 3. DURING LENGTHY ENSUING CONVERSATION, I REVIEWED IN GENERAL TERMS INDICATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED POINTING TO POSSIBLE BSO ACTIVITIES IN SOMALIA. WE HAD PASSED THESE ON TO SOMALI POLICE, WHICH WAS COOPERATING FULLY.
- 4. ABDURAHMAN SEEMED TO BE AWARE OF MUCH OF THE INFORMATION AND ASSURED ME IT WAS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT BSO WOULD OR COULD PULL OFF ANY OPERATION IN SOMALIA. HE POINTED OUT THAT SOMALIA HAD LONG SUPPORTED CAUSE OF PALESTINIANS AND ALSO THAT IT WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT MIXED UP IN INTER- ARAB SQUABBLES. MOREOVER, SECURITY IN SOMALIA WAS EXTREMELY TIGHT, INCLUDING RIGID CONTROL OF IMMIGRATION AND SURVEILLANCE OF DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL. POLICE WOULD CONTINUE FOLLOW MY MOVEMENTS CLOSELY AND PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH EVERY PROTECTION.
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